

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following centered title at page 1, line 1:

Method and System for Checking Digital Signatures and Card with Microcircuit for using  
the Method

Insert the following centered heading at page 1, after the title:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following centered heading at page 3, line 4:

SUMMARY

Please add the following centered heading at page 5, line 29:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following centered heading at page 6, line 5:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please delete the centered heading beginning at page 16, line 3, which starts with  
“METHOD AND SYSTEM...”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 27 with the following amended  
paragraph:

According to yet another particular feature of the invention, this process comprises a  
phase of inserting a root public key in the certificates table, this insertion phase being done by  
write processing controlled by a MAC calculated using a specific key in the microcircuit and  
only known to ~~a transmitting~~ an entity in having issued the microcircuit.